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### Council of Mayors Executive Committee

Minutes of the November 19, 2013 Meeting

CMAP Offices - Cook County Conference Room

#### **Executive Committee and Elected Officials Present**

Mayor Jeffery Schielke, Chairman; President Dave Brady; President Rodney Craig; Mayor Karen Darch; President Michael Einhorn; Mayor Jim Holland; President Thomas Karaba; Mayor John Mahoney; President Ed Ritter; President William T. Rodeghier; Mayor Jeffrey Sherwin; Mayor George Van Dusen; Mayor Eugene Williams

#### Others Present

Jennifer Becker, Len Cannata, Bruce Carmitchel, Chalen Daigle, Grant Davis, John Donovan, Tony Greep, Patrick Higgins, Patrick Knapp, Jon Paul Kohler, Valbona Kokoshi, Tam Kutzmark, Hugh O'Hara, David C. Seglin, Chris Staron, Thomas Vander Woude, David Werner, Tammy Wierciak, Barbara Zubek

#### **CMAP Staff Present**

Erin Aleman, Patricia Berry, Randy Blankenhorn, Doug Ferguson, Lindsay Hollander, Holly Ostdick, Ross Patronsky, Russell Pietrowiak, Gordon Smith, Andrew Williams-Clark.

#### 1.0 Call to Order and Introductions

Chairman Schielke called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. Introductions were made.

#### 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Mayor Schielke noted that the fiscal year 15 Unified Work Program (UWP) development schedule is at each member's place and said the Executive Committee can look forward to the Planning Liaisons' UWP proposal at the next meeting. Mayor Schielke also acknowledged the hard hit areas in the region, and expressed sympathy to those communities affected by the severe weather.

#### 3.0 Approval of Minutes – September 10, 2013

On a motion by Mayor VanDusen and a second by Mayor Williams, the September 10, 2013 minutes were approved as presented. Mayor Darch raised concerns that if CMAQ funds are not eligible for projects that do encourage single occupancy vehicle traffic, is it true that the CMAQ funded parking garage in Barrington is eligible? Ms. Berry stated that commuter parking garages are eligible.

#### 4.0 Transportation Programming Updates/Action Items

#### 4.1 IDOT Bureau of Local Roads Update/STP Expenditure Report

Mr. Pietrowiak described the latest STP-L expenditure report as of the end of federal fiscal year 2013 (FFY 13 ended September 30, 2013) and pointed out that the expenditures exceed the allotment for the suburban councils. This is good because the suburban councils have used all of their allotment for FFY 13, addressed regional mobility needs and did not increase the suburban carryover amount.

# 4.2 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program Update

Mr. Patronsky reported that for Federal Fiscal Year 2013 the region exceeded the Obligation Goal of \$123 million – obligating a total of just over \$140 million in federal CMAQ funds and reducing the unobligated balance by about \$35 million. The obligation goal set for federal fiscal year 2014 is \$139 million. He stated that in October the CMAP Board and MPO Policy Committee approved the FY 2014 – 2018 program. USDOT found all projects included in the proposed program to be eligible to receive CMAQ funds. He stated that sponsors of projects included in the recently approved program are required to attend an initiation meeting scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Friday, December 6 at IDOT's District 1 office in Schaumburg. An additional meeting for transit project sponsors processing projects through the FTA will be held at CMAP earlier that week. He noted that sponsors of projects included in the program prior to this cycle are also welcome to attend the meetings.

Ms. Berry mentioned that there is currently the opportunity to comment on a Buy America waiver for CMAQ projects that reduce PM<sub>2.5</sub> in the Chicago region. These projects include manufactured goods not available 100% US made. Mr. Donovan pointed out that FTA's requirement is 60% in recognition that equipment like locomotive engines tends to have significant foreign components and in this global age, not all components will be US made. It is different for items in roadway construction, like re-bar, where 100% US made goods are available. She stated that CMAP would be providing a comment in support of the waiver and asked if the Council of Mayors would like to submit support as well. Some members of the Council raised concerns that supporting a waiver does not encourage creating jobs in America while others supported the waiver given the current delay in implementation and difficulty in finding domestically manufactured parts to get these needed projects on the ground. The Council concluded that they would make a comment supporting a waiver and including language supporting Buy America. On a motion by Mayor Rockingham to have staff make the comment on behalf of the Council of Mayors Executive Committee that is seconded by Mayor Mahoney, the motion was approved.

#### **4.3 Transportation Alternatives Program**

Mr. Ferguson reported that CMAP has released the proposed Transportation Alternatives Program for public comment until December 16, 2013. He stated that there is a memo included in the Committee's packet that explains the selection criteria and provides the project rankings, descriptions of the top ranked project considered for funding, and details on the project milestone requirements.

#### 4.4 FFY 2014-2018 STP-L Marks

Mr. Pietrowiak stated that FFY 2014-208 STP-L Marks are included in the Council's packet for consideration. He stated that beginning in 2015 the population of Sandwich and Plano is included in Kane/Kendall along with the carry-over from those municipalities. The carryover is reserved for use by Sandwich and Plano. Mayor Schielke mentioned that while the CMAP region grows to townships even beyond its original seven counties, the Regional Transportation Authority's boundaries remain the same, at six counties. He stated this is something that should be considered by the Governor's Northeastern Illinois Public Transit Task force as they discuss transit in Northeastern Illinois. On a motion by Mayor VanDusen that is seconded by President Einhorn, the FFY 2014-2018 STP-L marks were approved.

#### 4.5 City of Chicago Regional Project

Mr. Seglin presented three projects for the Council's concurrence to use 5% of the STP-L funding that comes to the region for a regional project to be programmed by the City of Chicago. Mr. Seglin stated that the City of Chicago would like to use the 5% of regional STP-L funding on:

- Adams Street Viaduct Over Chicago Union Station
- CREATE 75<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor Improvement
- Lakefront Trail Navy Pier Flyover

Some mayors raised concerns that the Lakefront Trail – Navy Pier Flyover is not necessarily regional in nature as the majority of the users are not from the suburbs and it is not a major commuter node. Mr. Seglin stated that the section of the Lakeshore path handled 25,000 bicycle trips a day, which is comparable to arterial streets. Many suburban mayors also stated that they have ridden that section of the lakeshore path and find it to be dangerous. On a motion by Mayor VanDusen and seconded by President Rodegheir the Council approved a motion in support of the City of Chicago programming 5% of the regional STP-L on the projects mentioned above.

#### 4.6 Advanced Funding

Ms. Berry summarized the staff memo included in the packet on the use of advanced funding. She reviewed the benefits of advanced funding, including allowing the suburban councils to borrow money from other councils to advance priorities, spend down the balance, show Washington D.C. that there are substantial unmet transportation needs in northeastern Illinois, and avoid losing federal funding. However, if the STP-L program or a similar program is not

reauthorized, councils with a positive balance will lose the ability to program the remaining funds. It was noted that this has never happened and several mayors asked if and when there might be an appropriate time to limit advance funding. Ms. Ostdick suggested that the Executive Committee consider the fact that if a council were to request advance funding to the point where the payback year was past 2018, the marks of the other councils would have to be reduced. It was agreed that if such a request is made, further discussions will occur.

#### 4.7 Advanced Funding Request

Ms. Daigle requested on behalf of the McHenry Council advanced funding for four projects for a total of \$3,754,960 moving. The Council will have a full balance in FFY2018. As noted above, if any council exceeds the FFY 18 STP-L mark, other councils' marks will have to be decreased to maintain regional fiscal constraint. At this point the McHenry Council will not be exceeding the FFY 18 mark, but it is moving close. On a motion by Mayor Darch seconded by Mayor Sherwin the Council approved the advanced funding request.

#### 5.0 GO TO 2040 Update

Mr. Williams-Clark reported that a review of the implementation action area tables found at the end of each of the twelve chapters in GO TO 2040 is underway. The indicators used in GO TO 2040 were revised for the Plan Update to better matches the agency's policy needs and the data available. Mr. Williams-Clark than introduced Ms. Hollander to discuss the financial plan for GO TO 2040. Ms. Hollander presented an overview of core revenue, operating expenditure, and capital maintenance expenditure forecasts for the GO TO 2040 update, as well as possibilities for reasonably expected revenues for inclusion in the financial plan. Ms. Hollander said the forecasts of core revenues do not fully cover operating expenditure and capital maintenance forecasts. Given this, CMAP is looking for input on reasonably expected revenues to promote and add to the plan to cover the shortfall.

#### 6.0 Legislative Update

Mr. Smith provided a memo with an update on state legislative activities. He requested that the Executive Committee provide any input into the legislative framework and agenda for CMAP.

#### 7.0 USDOT Certification Review

Mr. Donovan stated it is encouraging to see elected leaders as engaged in the regional planning process as they were during this morning's Council of Mayors Executive Committee meeting. The certification site visit is underway. Mr. Donovan asked that the mayors provide any additional comments during the review. Mayor Schielke stated that the conversations held at the meeting demonstrate how very interested the region's mayors are in transportation issues and also show a commitment to the federal process.

### 8.0 Climate Change Adaptation Toolkit.

This item was deferred to the January meeting.

#### 9.0 Status of LTA Program and Major Capital Projects

An LTA program status report was included in the meeting packet. For further input, comments or questions contact CMAP staff.

#### 10.0 Other Business

There was no other business

#### 11.0 Public Comment

There was no public comment.

#### 12.0 Next Meeting

Chairman Schielke reminded the members that the next meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2014.

#### 13.0 Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 11:17 a.m.

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